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A week-long celebration of democracy is being held next month and everybody is invited to get involved.

National Democracy Week takes place from 2 - 8 July and is aimed at involving more people in the democratic process.

This year's celebration is especially poignant as 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote and the 90th anniversary of the 1928 Equal Franchise Act which gave women the same voting rights as men.

To celebrate the initiative, Peterborough City Council will be hosting 'Democracy in a Day' at Peterborough Town Hall on Tuesday 3 July, from 5pm to 8pm.

Members of the public, community groups and organisations are invited to come along to the event which will feature a series of workshops providing information about the electoral and democratic process including:

- > Why it is important to vote
- > Understanding the electoral process
- > How decisions are made
- > What the role of a councillor involves

A number of Peterborough councillors will be taking part in filmed interviews discussing their roles, as well as answering questions sent in by children from secondary schools across the city.

Footage from these interviews will be shown at the event and also on the council's TV screens which are in the reception area at Peterborough Railway Station and at the Visitor Information Centre in Bridge Street.

Gillian Beasley, Peterborough City Council's Chief Executive and Returning Officer, said: "This event is a great opportunity for people to find out more about democracy and how politics works at a local level.

"It is crucial that as many people as possible are involved in the democratic process because it plays a vital part in our everyday lives. If you are unsure what your local council does or have considered becoming a councillor, then come along, you will certainly find it of interest."

Admission to Democracy In A Day is free and visitors can drop in at any time throughout the duration of the event.

National Democracy Week is being delivered in collaboration by the National Democracy Week Council members, the Cabinet Office and partners across the country.